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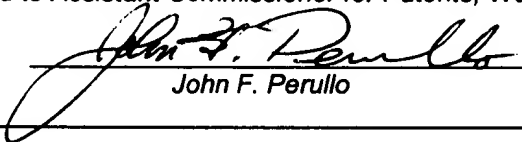
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the applicant requests consideration of this information disclosure statement.

**Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This information disclosure statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits in the above-identified application. No fee or certification is required.

**Information Cited**

The applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the relative importance of the references.

**Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)**

The present application is a divisional application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to U.S. application Serial No.08/993,586, filed December 18, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,251,418. Information listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and marked with an asterisk (\*) indicates information that was also cited in the parent application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)-(c). Copies of these references have not been resubmitted with this filing.

**Explanation of Non-English Language References and  
Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited**

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

DE 296 19 029 U1 is a German utility model. An English translation was provided in the parent application.

FR 1514319 is a French language document. No Derwent English abstract is available.

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RU 2026640 C1 is a Russian language document. An English language abstract was provided in the parent application.

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**Remarks**

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

- The examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;

- The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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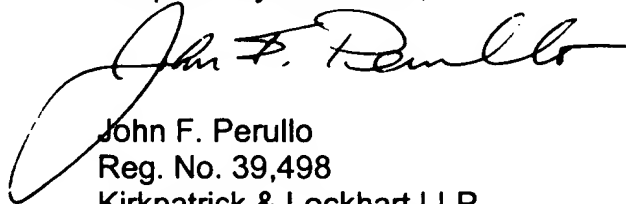
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It is understood by applicant that the foregoing information will be considered and, to the extent deemed appropriate by the examiner, will be reflected in the examiner's communication.

Respectfully submitted,



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